So, the Government of India should look into the matter and take a speedy decision so that proper industrialisation of Bihar takes place. Otherwise, there will be a lot of problems because Bihar is one of the most backward States. We need more employment. These schemes will generate more employment also.

Thank you, Sir.

Disruption of flight caused by acts of security personnel at Bombay Airport

SHRI N. E. BALRAM (Kerala): Mr. Vice-Chairman, Sir, I would like to make a special mention.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI M. A. BABY): Very brief. This is as a special case

SHRI N. E. BALARAM: I will take only three minutes, not more, one or two minutes, to draw the attention of the Government and the Minister sitting here about a very disturbing episode that has happened at the Bombay Airport three days ago.

When I was returning from Trivandrum *via* Bombay, I was told by the passengers that the security staff working there had created some problems to the passengers. I am using only mild language.

Actually what happened was that the security staff stole away a good number of gold coins, a good amount of money, golden ornaments and some other articles which the passengers were bringing from abroad with permission. They were there in handbags. In the name of investigation, some of these items were stolen away by the police, and there was a big scuffle between the passengers and the security staff at the airport. Due to that the flight was delayed for about three hours. Ultimately, when the situation became very tense, the airport authorities and high police officers intervened. They found out the stolen articles from the security staff, which were returned to the passengers, and they went to their destinations. This was told by the passengers. This was told by some of the Press correspondents also when I was in Bombay. I would like to request the Minister sitting here just to convey this to the Home Minister or whoever is concerned to make an enquiry into it. This is not the first time that this has happened at the Bombay Airport, but this is the third time that this sort of thing has happened.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): On which date?

SHRI N. E. BALARAM: This is on the 14th or the 15th of August. If I remember correctly, it may be on the 14th or the 15th. So, I would request the Minister to make an enquiry into it and take steps to see that this sort of thing is not repeated at the Airport hereafter because this sort of harassment is creating problems for passengers, and this is not good for the country. I wanted to draw the attention of the Minister concerned to this.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI M. A. BABY): Mr. Narayanasamy. In a sentence.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY (Pondicherry): I associate myself, Sir, with the hon. senior Member of this House, Balaramji.

Most of the people who go for employment abroad to earn their livelihood and come back here are from Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Andhra and Karnataka. Most of the people are from South India.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI M. A. BABY): And from Pondicherry.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: The people come through Bombay. Bombay being an international airport, they come to Bombay so that they can get the link to their respective destinations.

But, Sir, we have seen, and also some people have complained to us that when they came to Bombay with their hard-earned money from the Gulf countries and other foreign countries for their well-being here in India, that money was looted at the Airport in the name of security

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and in the name of customs. This is a very serious thing People are suffering really. They leave their family for five or six years to earn their livelihood.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI M. A. BABY): The association is becoming longer...

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Sir, this is a sensitive matter. This concerns thousands and thousands of people of this country who go abroad to earn their livelihood. This happens when they come back. Therefore, I would like to tell the Minister of State for Finance that in the name of customs and other things they should not harass the passengers coming from abroad. The security people should not do this sort of a thing. I hope the Minister will take immediate steps to protect the people.

SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES (Goa): I wully associate myself with my colleague. While associating I want to mention one thing. The Central Government should not dismiss this saying that this is a State matter. Airports come under the National Airports Authority, which is under the Central Government. This problem is pertinent to all the States. In my State foreign tourists lose their hard currency, dollars. When a complaint is lodged, nothing is done. There are complaints lodged by the Embassies in Delhi also. So, I want this Government to take up this matter very seriously. I would request the Civil Aviation Ministry to withdraw the State Police and have their own police, like the Railway security force.

SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA (Assam): While associating myself with the Special Mention made by our senior colleague, Shri N. E. Balaram, I would say that this is true of every airport. Not only in Bombay, but we have also our experience in Calcutta. Mr. Balaram has spoken about jewelleries and Mr. Fernandes has spoken about Dollars, but at Calcutta Airport, even small things like Sarees and cigarette packets are not left out. A lady Officer, who was travelling from Calcutta to Gauhati, while in the security check was asked from where she got the Sarees. Some other passenger was told why this much pack of cigarettes was there in his pocket. "That should not be there. Could I take out one?" This sort of harassment is there at every airport. We have our personal experiences at Calcutta Airport. So, I appeal to the authorities to take a serious note of it and make appropriate inquiries and correct the position.

SHRI SUKOMAL SEN (West Bengal): Sir, I also associate myself and support what has been said.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI M. A. BABY): I understand hon. Minister of State for Home, Shri Jacob, has discussed this matter with some of the MPs from Kerala. The Minister is also present here. This is not good for our country. I hope the Government will take appropriate action.

Move for Privatisation of N.J.M.C. Jute Mills

श्री मोहम्मद अमीन (पश्चिमी बंगाल): सर, मैं आपके जरिए से इस हाउस की और गवर्नमेंट की तवज्जह इस मामले की तरफ मबजूल कराना चाहता हूं कि इस वक्त छह जूट मिलें हैं, जिनको सरकार चलाती है, जिसमें पांच पश्चिमी बंगाल में हैं और एक बिहार में है। यह बात सही है कि इन कारखानों में नुकसान हो रहा है और नुकसान हो यह कोई भी नहीं चाहेगा। इस पर कुछ दिनों से बहस-व- मुबाहेसा जारी है।

अब अखबारों में यह खबर आ रही है कि सरकार इसको एक प्राइवेट इंडस्ट्री-लिस्ट को एजेण्ट बनाकर उसकी निगरानी में चलाने की बात सोच रही है। इस खबर से मजदूरों में बहुत परेशानी फैल गई है। मैं सरकार से यह कहना चाहता हूं कि इस किस्म के कोई कदम उठाने से पहले कारखानों की तमाम ट्रेड-यूनियनों के साथ बैठकर के इस पर बातचीत करने की जरूरत है।

यहां तक प्राइवेट सैक्टर का सवाल है, उसका हाल तो और बुरा है। अभी मेरे पास एक लिस्ट है, जिसमें 15 कारखाने पूरे हिन्दुस्तान में बंद हैं और इन कारखानों के बंद होने की वजह